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### **Governor Hoeven Proclaims *Drinking Water Week* North Dakotans Encouraged To Protect and Conserve the State's Waters**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Gov. John Hoeven has declared May 3 through 9, 2009, as *Drinking Water Week* in North Dakota.

This annual event is dedicated to the belief that North Dakotans should have a safe and dependable supply of water, both now and in the future. Citizens are called upon to help protect the state's source waters from pollution.

*Drinking Water Week* recognizes the importance of water source protection and conservation, as well as the value, importance and fragility of the state's water resources.

Organizations involved in the promotion of *Drinking Water Week* include the North Dakota Department of Health, the North Dakota Section of the American Water Works Association, the North Dakota Water and Pollution Control Conference, the North Dakota Chapter of the American Public Works Association and the North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association.

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PROCLAMATION  
**DRINKING WATER WEEK**  
May 3-9, 2009

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of North Dakota recognize that our health, comfort and standards of living depend on an ample supply of safe, high-quality drinking water; and

**WHEREAS**, water greatly influences our everyday lives through its uses in public health, economic development, power production, agriculture, recreation, and business and industries; and

**WHEREAS**, many dedicated men and women have made significant contributions in developing, operating and maintaining our public water systems; and

**WHEREAS**, what we do today to protect our drinking water will affect the prosperity and well-being of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize this precious resource and to help protect our source waters from pollution, to practice water conservation, to become involved in local water issues and to plan for its efficient use.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009, **DRINKING WATER WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven  
Governor

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